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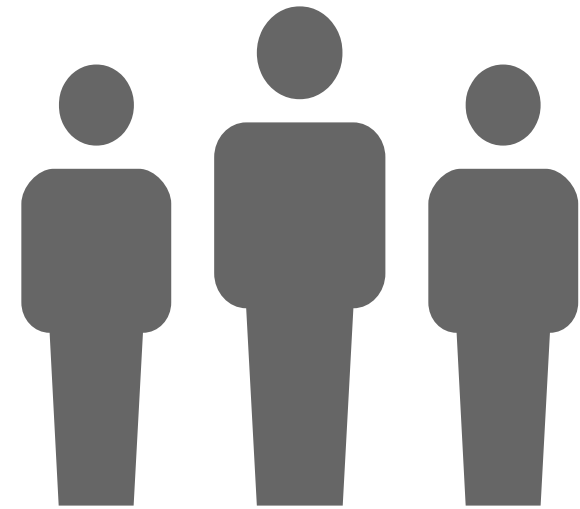**Check out our Projects**
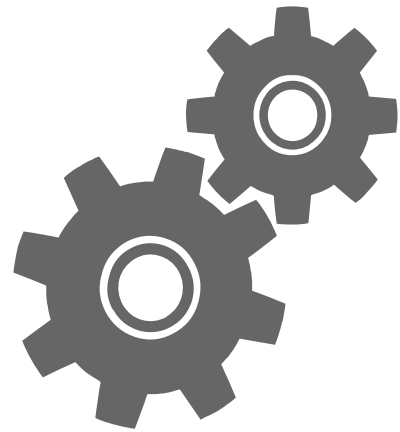
What We Do

Learn More About our priorities and campaigns

Check out an Introductory Slide Deck

Join Us

Join us on Meetup, and connect to our discussion group

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Community Partners

Follow us on Social Media, Learn more about our partners, and check out our Community Calendar Listings

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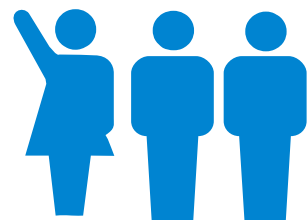# Our Priorities. The things we care about.

Mapping Local Assets

Citizen Engagement

Leveraging Local Innovation

Open Source Innovation

Strengthening Participatory Institutions

Educational Partnerships

Our goal for our inaugural year is to to introduce the concept of civic technology to the state of Maine, to build a regional platform for mapping and managing local assets more effectively, and to demonstrate the impact of civic technology in action.

Campaigns

Pilot Cities

Code for Maine is working with the cities of Bath and Biddeford as pilot cities where we are introducing and testing civic technology applications in a local context.

Open Civic Hardware

Combining the enormous potential of the Open Source Hardware/Maker Movement with Civic Technology to address local barriers to tech adoption .

Civic Hacker Networking

Building a robust network of civic hackers across the state through online collaboration, fun events and organizational partnerships.

Education

Partnering with Education Sector to encourage civic innovation locally.

Open Transit Data

Improving accessibility and public involvement in transit operations through innovative uses of open data and hardware.

Municipal Technology

Augmenting Maine's unique traditionions of participatory democracy with civic technology to engage new populations, and help public institutions govern more effectively.
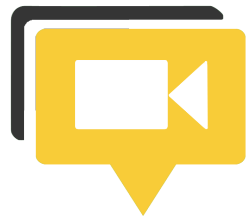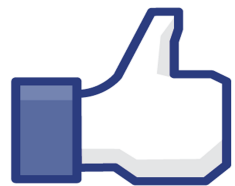
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How to Get Involved

Join Our Discussion Forum

https://groups.google.com/a/codeforamerica.org/d/forum/maine-brigade

Join one of our Google+ Hangouts

by following our Google+ Page

Like us on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/code4maine

Come to our Meetups

http://www.meetup.com/Code-for-Maine/

Contribute on Github

https://github.com/organizations/Code4Maine

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Workshop

Public Document Digitization

https://github.com/Code4Maine/diybookscanner.git

https://github.com/Code4Maine/dochive.git

Open Civic Hardware

Notes from unconference presentation on Open Civic Hardware

Town Meeting Day

https://github.com/Code4Maine/ancbrigade.git

http://ancbrigade.net/

Open Transit Data

http://carfreemaine.github.com/opentransitwiki/

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Library

Code for Maine 2012-2013 Draft Strategic Plan

Code for Maine Agenda's Meeting Minutes etc...

Code for Maine Introductory Slide Deck

Code for Maine Presentation on Open Transit Data in Regional Planning

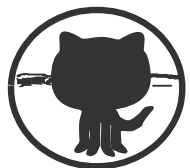*Code for Maine Presentation to Governors Broadband Task Force*

Workshop

Public Document Digitization

Public Documents are often in hard copy or non-searchable formats like .pdf. This is especially true in Maine's many small towns where town reports are issued to every resident before voting in town meeting assemblies. These documents contain a wealth of information and helpful data but may be difficult to access in digital form. By combining methods outlining simple construction of a DIY Document Scanner with Open Source Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software these documents can be scanned and converted to a searchable format for public access.

https://github.com/Code4Maine/diybookscanner.git

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Town Meeting Day

Maine is one of the few places in the world where governance in nearly ¾ of muncipalities adheres to a form of direct democracy known as "town meeting". "Town Meeting Day" is usually held in March and is open all residents over the age of 18. However, regular attendence has been steadily declining as the states rural population grows older. Code for Maine is exploring ways to use Civic Technology to augment this unique tradition in a way that engages new populations while exploring ways to make direct citizen governance more effective.
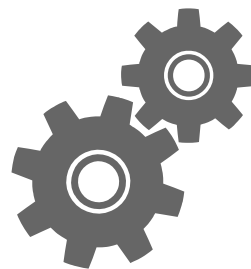
CodeforDC has been building an application called ANC Brigade which helps DC residents find local neighborhood committees called Advisory Neighborhood Commissions through a simple address search function. Code for Maine is adapting a fork of the ANCBrigade for use in a town meeting context.

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